

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL MALCOM A SHORTER, UNITED STATES ARMY UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 22 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I am pleased to recognize the outstanding service to our Nation by Lieutenant Colonel Malcom A. Shorter, who will be retiring from the Army on September 30, 2003 after a distinguished career that has spanned over 22 years of dedicated service. Malcom Shorter distinguished himself as a leader who epitomized the modern American professional soldier.

Malcom Shorter's illustrious career as an Infantry Officer embodied all of the Army's values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage.

Throughout his career Lieutenant Colonel Shorter demonstrated his outstanding tactical and operational expertise in numerous command and staff positions both overseas and in the continental United States. Continually serving in positions of ever-increasing responsibility, highlights of his career include serving as an Infantry Company Commander twice, and as a Brookings Congressional Fellow for the United States Army in my office during the 1st session of the 106th Congress. Malcom also served as the Chief of Plans and Operations for the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Benning, Georgia and was responsible for the development of worldwide contingencies and the training of a combined arms combat maneuver brigade focused on South West Asia.

Malcom's talent for solving complex management problems complemented his proven operational skill. While serving as my Military Legislative Assistant, he provided sound policy guidance and operational expertise on the Department of Defense Budget, Military Readiness and Veterans Affairs issues. Malcom's prudent opinions and sound judgment were invaluable in my making good decisions on issues that affect our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Veterans.

As evidence of the quality of Lieutenant Colonel Shorter's leadership, management, and interpersonal skills, he was specially selected to serve as the Deputy Chief of the Army's Congressional Liaison Office in the United States House of Representatives. He was responsible for maintaining liaison with 435 Members of Congress, their personal staffs, and twenty permanent or select legislative committees. During that period, Malcom personally escorted more than 200 Members of Congress on fact-finding missions to over 75 foreign countries. His dedication, candor and professionalism while serving in that capacity earned him the reputation as the best source on Capitol Hill to resolve issues pertaining to the Army.

Accordingly, I invite my colleagues to join in offering our heartfelt congratulations to Lieutenant Colonel Malcom A. Shorter on a career of selfless service marked by his resolute dedication and unwavering integrity. He represents the very best that our great Nation has to offer. We wish Malcom, his wife Joan, and his daughters, Alex and Tori, continued suc-

cess and happiness in all of their future endeavors.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR. AND MRS. MANIFOLD

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Richard and Carol Manifold were united in marriage on June 13, 1953; and

Whereas, Richard and Carol Manifold are celebrating 50 years of marriage; and

Whereas, Richard and Carol Manifold have demonstrated a firm commitment to each other; and

Whereas, Richard and Carol Manifold should be commended for their loyalty and dedication to their family; and

Whereas, Richard and Carol Manifold have proven, by their example, to be a model for all married couples.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Manifold as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

RECOGNITION OF DR. DAVID HARMON

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. David Harmon of Jerseyville, Illinois for being honored as the Illinois Family Physician of the Year.

Inspired by a family doctor's kindness and compassion, Dr. Harmon went to medical school at Southern Illinois University in Springfield and Carbondale, then did a residency in Davenport, Iowa, spent some time in Roodhouse, Illinois, and moved to Jerseyville in 1987. He has treated patients there ever since.

Nominated for the award by both patients and colleagues, Dr. Harmon is now well known for his kindness and compassion, as well as his dedication to the community. Not only is Dr. Harmon a medical doctor, but he has also served as a professor at Saint Louis University and at the family practice department at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. He is the medical director of the Jerseyville Manor Nursing Home, vice president of the Jersey County Board of Health, a volunteer with the Jerseyville Fire Department, an assistant hockey coach at Jersey High School, and a Sunday School teacher and board member at First United Methodist Church.

Dr. Michael McNair, one of his former students and now one of his partners at Illini Medical Associates praises Dr. Harmon in saying, "He taught me that medicine is not about the technology. It's how you treat people and how much you listen to them." This commitment to the people is exemplary, and could be applied to almost every job in society.

While he admits that the business end of being a doctor has become more difficult in re-

cent years, Dr. Harmon is not ready to retire anytime soon. He plans on being a doctor in Jerseyville for another 20 years, and I would like to wish him the best. The Illinois Family Physician of the Year deserves it.

CELEBRATION OF BIRTH OF ISABELLA L. MESFUN

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the healthy birth of Isabella L. Mesfun on Sunday, May 25, 2003. I hope Isabella has a life filled with happiness and success.

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HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of my colleagues to a remarkable constituent from the Sixth District of New Jersey, Gideon Sofer. This young man has tremendous determination and has recently been recognized as one of America's top ten youth volunteers by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. This distinction carries not only national recognition, but also a \$5,000 award, and \$25,000 in toys, clothing and other juvenile products donated in his name to needy children in his area by Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc.

Gideon has lived most of his formative years with an incredibly painful and often debilitating sickness, Crohn's disease. He has been living with this disease since he was diagnosed when he was twelve. During the last 6 years, he has been thorough numerous surgeries, and has often faced death during the painful procedures. Most people would have just been concerned with their survival, but Gideon has turned his personal suffering into a quest: to educate the public about Crohn's disease.

In 1932, Dr. Burrill B. Crohn, Dr. Leon Ginzburg, and Dr. Gordon D. Oppenheimer published a landmark paper describing the clinical features of what is known today as Crohn's disease.

Crohn's and a related disease, ulcerative colitis, are the main divisions of the group of illnesses called inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). Because the symptoms of these two illnesses are so similar, approximately 10 percent of cases are unable to be diagnosed definitively as either ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease. In both illnesses, there is an abnormal immune response. White blood cells infiltrate the intestinal lining, causing chronic inflammation. These cells then produce noxious products that ultimately lead to tissue injury. When this happens, the patient experiences the symptoms of IBD. The precise cause of the chronic inflammation associated with IBD is not known.

Mr. Speaker, Gideon Sofer is an example to us all. He selflessly offers his energy to the education of the public about Crohn's. Please